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FOR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION

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FREE FUN, FOOD, INFORMATION AT FAMILY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DAY, SEPT. 11, GLASGOW PARK

Learn preparedness for hurricanes, blizzards

After being buried by blizzards and brushed by a hurricane in 2010, residents and visitors to Delaware are invited to attend a fun and informative day dedicated to emergency preparedness for just such events as the state has already experienced this year.

Coincidentally scheduled one week following a near-hit by Hurricane Earl, the annual event observes National Preparedness Month and brings together emergency management and public safety officials, first responders, citizens' groups that support preparedness and private sector supporters. The day of free and fun activities, food and training is set for Saturday, Sept. 11, 11 a.m.-3 p.m., in Glasgow County Park, Rts. 896 and 40 in Glasgow.

Joining New Castle County Office of Emergency Management as sponsors are the Department of Safety and Homeland Security, Delaware Emergency Management Agency, Delaware Citizen Corps, and the American Red Cross of Delmarva. Corporate Sponsor Delmarva Power is providing funding support.

Jake's Hamburgers provides free food and sodas, Rita's Water Ice serves sweet treats, and ServPro of Bear/New Castle has donated bottled water. Not to leave any family members out, Beaver Dam Pet Foods will give away samples of dog and cat food.

The day features a Delaware State Police K-9 demonstration, hands-on fire extinguisher training, seek and find preparedness information games and a challenging climbing wall presented by the Delaware National Guard.

Big Toys such as fire engines, the New Castle County OEM Mobile Command Center and the Wal-Mart “Blind Spot” 18-wheeler will be on-site and open to visitors.

PAWS for People will have a display starring their gentle, welcoming therapy dogs, and New Castle County Emergency Services Corps will demonstrate Friends and Family Hands Only CPR. Other free training includes Red Cross Ready, creating your family emergency plan and guidance on putting together a family emergency supply kit.

Delaware Citizen Corps Basic Emergency Supply Kit backpacks will be given away throughout the day and one backpack will be given away at each training session. The DEMA booth rewards those who participate in preparedness activities with emergency and safety items and many exhibitors will distribute preparedness items and informational materials.

For further information, call 222-6573 or 659-2243.

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Attention media: For additional information, contact Rosanne Pack, 222-6573; Marny McLee, 659-2243. Please include this event in community calendars and public service announcements.